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SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN UN COMITE OF 24

REF: USUN 2909; USUN 2887

1. ANNUAL CUBAN ATTEMPT TO HAVE UN COMMITTEE OF 24 (DE-COLONIZATION COMMITTEE) RECOMMEND THAT PUERTO RICO BE DECLARED NON SELF-GOVERNING HAS BEEN COMPLICATED BY REQUESTS FROM TWO PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE LEADERS TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE. THEY WOULD NOT ONLY REQUEST COMMITTEE REINSTATE PR ON LIST OF NON SELF-GOVERNING TERRITORIES BUT WOULD RECITE SUPPOSED EVILS OF PRESENT GOVERNMENT INCLUDING PROPOSAL FOR PR SUPERPORT AND REFINERY. USUN IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH FRIENDLY DELS TO TRY TO PREVENT THEIR APPEARANCE WHICH WOULD PREJUDICE SUBSTANCE
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OF ISSUE AND ABRABE POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES IN PUERTO RICO.

2. COMMITTEE IS NOW IN PROCESS OF CONSULTATIONS ON QUESTION OF WHETHER TO GRANT HEARING.

3. DEPT UNDERSTANDS FROM USUN THAT AFGHAN AND INDONESIAN DELS HAVE ASKED FOR INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS ISSUE.

4. REQUEST EMBASSY MAKE APPROACH TO APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN MFA ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) WE REGARD CONSIDERATION BY THE COMITE OF 24 OF PUERTO RICAN STATUS AS INTERFERENCE IN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF US AND PUERTO RICO;

(B) WE CONSIDER THAT THIS ISSUE WAS DEFINITELY SETTLED IN 1953 BY THE UNGA WHEN GA RES 748 WAS ADOPTED RECOGNIZING THAT THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO HAD EXERCISED THEIR RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION; A RIGHT WHICH HAS BEEN EXERCISED PERIODICALLY SINCE THEN THROUGH FREE ELECTIONS.

(C) BASIC ISSUE OF PUERTO RICAN POLITICAL STATUS WOULD BE SERIOUSLY PREJUDICED IF COMMITTEE WERE TO GIVE HEARING TO INDEPENDENCE LEADERS.

(D) IN CONSULTATIONS NOW UNDERWAY IN NY, WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR SUPPORT FOR US POSITION. ROGERS

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